


**Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
April 23, 2007 - 7:30pm CDT  
Chrisney Youth & Community Center**

1. Minutes from March's meeting
2. Financial Report
  - ✓ Treasurer's report
  - ✓ Claims
  - ✓ District Training Incentives (Trish)
3. Old Business
  - ✓ Web site development (Trish)
  - ✓ Affiliate Members (Stephanie)
  - ✓ Soil Scoop postage/suggestions (Stephanie)
  - ✓ Bonding (Stephanie)
4. New Business
  - ✓ RULE 5 – (1 )Evaluations, ( )Complaints, ( )Reviews
  - ✓ 2008 CWI Grant (Trish)
5. Staff & Partner Reports
  - ✓ Trish
  - ✓ Stephanie
  - ✓ Rita
    -  Conservation plans
6. Other Business

## Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District March Meeting Minutes

The Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District met on March 26, 2007 at the Spencer County SWCD office due to the Co-op's annual meeting being held at the Chrisney Youth & Community Center. The following Supervisors and Associates were present: David Ayer, Mark Lubbehusen, Alan Waninger, Burke Sibrel, Paul Giles, Mike Roos, and Brian Rahman. Also present were Rita Schaus with NRCS, Trish Dugas, District Director, Stephanie Litherland, District Program Administrator, Ken Eck, ISDA District Support Specialist, Commissioner Dan Rininger, and Councilman David Gogel.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Mark and Commissioner Rininger updated the board on SR 231 and Vectren. Both were pleased with the outcome and Mark commended Ronnie Boehm on his effort to get this issue resolved. Commissioner Rininger stated that he would like to see the SWCD be involved with the county drainage board, and if interested we should call Cindy and be put on the agenda. Ditch assessments may go away, but would increase COIT. Commissioner Rininger stated that his district, Ohio and Luce Townships, will be doing ditch maintenance. They also will be utilizing more bottom ash due to the 97% compaction rate, which is outstanding. Aggregate will be put on top of the bottom ash.

Commissioner Rininger gave Oath of Office to Mike Roos.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Trish gave treasurer's report- \$23,710.90 - balance. Motion was made and seconded to approve balance as given. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to pay the following claims:

Business Equipment District:	\$ 50.37
Stephanie Litherland	\$ 81.14
Patricia Dugas	\$ 30.02
Spencer County Auditor	\$ 994.00
Indiana Dept of Revenue	<u>\$ 2.10</u>

Total            \$1157.63

Trish updated the board on setting up the SWCD's website. Access Spencer County will pay for the initial setup costs. The county will then budget this each year. All county departments will be listed. There will be a meeting in April to discuss the best route to go, costs, etc. Mark recommended proceeding as planned and reporting back at the April board meeting.

The board reviewed Rule 5 plans on Vectren, SR 231, Fairway Condos, ThermWood, and Santa Claus Forced Sewer Main Extension. Trish asked the board about going along with Ronnie Boehm on Rule 5 visits. The consensus of the board was for Trish to continue accompanying Ronnie and to report soil erosion to the

Commissioners for them to enforce. Trish will not have authority to enforce. Mark stated that he had concerns about INDOT wanting to send water to one area that won't be able to handle that amount. Paul stated that we need to look at the watershed, and that these issues should be brought up at Thursday's meeting.

Stephanie asked the board to sponsor the upcoming Adventures with Nature program to be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tipsaw Lake. A motion was made to contribute \$25.00. Motion carried.

Stephanie stated that there was a discrepancy concerning the Soil Scoop ad rates in the December 2006 meeting minutes. The new rates are as follows: 1/8 page - \$25.00 each or \$60.00 for the year; 1/4 page - \$50.00 each or \$120.00 for the year; 1/2 page - \$100.00 each or \$225.00 for the year; full page - \$200.00 each or \$450.00 for the year. Motion was made to amend the December 2006 minutes and to approve the new rates. Motion carried. Stephanie also asked for the postage to be approved for the Soil Scoop mailing. Motion was made and seconded. Stephanie will contact the board to let them know the amount of the postage. Trish stated that the postage was included in the CWI grant.

Motion was made and seconded to keep current officers the same. Chairman - Mark; Vice Chairman - David; Secretary - Burke; Treasurer - Trish. Motion carried.

Discussed membership levels for affiliate members. Mark suggested that Stephanie and Trish come up with names for the levels. Level are as follows: \$15.00 for farmers; \$25.00-\$100.00; \$101.00-\$250.00; \$251.00-\$500.00. Board will need to review list at the April meeting.

Trish and Stephanie gave their monthly reports.

Rita presented Conservation Plans. Motion was made to approve the following plans: Fred Anders, Roger Hurm, and Don Schroeder - all Crop Rotation; Gilbert Gaston and Bernard Hurm, Jr - both Waterways; Paul Giles - Quail Habitat; and Roger Hurm - EQIP.

Rita reported that NRCS State Office has invited SWCD's to submit contribution proposals for 2007 or 2008 agreements.

Rita stated that NRCS has been assigned to do tillage transect. Rita stated that she would like Stephanie's and Trish's help with this, and it will be done sometime in May or June.

Rita stated that the National Finance Center has been having problems with their processing and that districts are getting billed for interest. If this happens, let Rita know and she will contact the state office.

Rita stated that there are 10 EQIP applications and only two (2) have been selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round due to low scores, but they still have a good opportunity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

Rita stated that she has been assigned Keela Roser as a Soil Conservationist for at least one (1) year.

Trish told the board that she talked to Tammy Graham at the Auditor's office and that SWCD county employees have never been bonded. Mark stated that both Stephanie and Trish need to be bonded. Councilman Gogel stated that the council just recently updated a blanket bond for county employees. Mark suggested that Trish contact Tammy again for more information.

Ken Eck stated that each May they have district staff training in Petersburg for non-technical staff and he suggested that Stephanie and Trish attend.

Ken Eck stated that Trish explained to him there were concerns about the two (2) required field days. Ken stated that they need to be held at two (2) different locations. Trish stated that insurance is covered by the association's policy if sitting in a building. To transport people a 1-day policy would have to be done. Ken stated this would be included with the CWI grant money. Ken stated that receipts should be kept, but didn't have to be turned in.

Rita stated that Steve Trinkel wanted her to mention that the SWCD board should be in communication with the Natural Gas Company from out of state. They are disturbing areas around their leases and may not understand Indiana's RULE 5 and Spencer County Erosion Ordinance.

Alan reported that he attended a meeting concerning hiring a Regional Technician for grazing livestock. Ken Eck clarified that Dubois & Perry each want 2 days a week and want to know if Spencer would like 1 day. Mark stated that it is the consensus of the board to go ahead with this if it will be funded by grant money because the County is tapped out enough. Paul asked what the demand was for the technician. Rita stated that 70-80% of EQIP is for grazing/ pasture.

Trish stated that there is a Field Day on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Princeton, KY. Rita stated that Perry County is taking a bus and if anyone is interested to let her know.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Adjourned at 9:40pm.